

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICATION NO. : 10/606,292  
APPLICANT : Francois Lagace  
FILED : June 25, 2003  
FOR : WASHER PRESSURE EQUALIZATION  
SYSTEM  
CONFIRMATION NO. : 2909  
ART UNIT : 1746  
EXAMINER : Joseph L. Perrin  
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***RESPONSE UNDER CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1746***

June 5, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 13, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.